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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington DC 20554

Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

**Annual Certification for Interstate Access Support** 

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with section 54.809 of the Commission's rules, the attached document is a certification from an authorized representative of SBC Services, Inc., on behalf of SBC Communications' price-cap regulated telephone companies.<sup>1</sup> In particular, this certification affirms that all universal service support payments received by these companies pursuant to the Commission's Interstate Access Support mechanism will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. This certification was filed earlier today in the above referenced docket via the Commission's Electronic Comments Filing System. Additionally, an original paper copy of the attached certification will be hand-delivered to USAC on 7/1/05.

Should you have any questions about the attached, please feel free to contact me via whatever means is most convenient for you.

Sincerely,

Attachment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SBC Communications' price-cap companies include: Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, and the Ameritech Operating Companies (Illinois Bell Telephone Company; The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated and Wisconsin Bell, Inc.).

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## VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Annual Certification Filing for Interstate Access Support

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The undersigned authorized representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, and the Ameritech Operating Companies (Illinois Bell Telephone Company; The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated and Wisconsin Bell, Inc.), on behalf of each of these companies, hereby certifies that, consistent with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, each of these companies will use any and all Interstate Access Support (IAS) payments received pursuant to section 54.807 of the Commission's rules only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is received.

This certification applies to all study areas of each of the above companies and is being provided pursuant to the requirements of section 54.809 of the Commission's rules.

Very Truly Yours,

John W. Sneed

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